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NEWS

DR. J. B. FARMER has accepted the position of editor in chief of the *Gardeners' Chronicle*.

THE DEATH is announced of Dr. P. LACKMANN, professor of botany at Grenoble, at the age of fifty-six years.

DR. E. G. DELACROIX, director of the station for plant pathology of the "Institut national agronomique," died at Paris, November 2, 1907.

THE COUNCIL of the Geological Society of London has awarded the Murchison medal to Mr. A. C. SEWARD, professor of botany in the University of Cambridge.

DR. LUDWIG JOST, professor in the Agricultural Academy at Bonn-Poppelsdorf, returns to Strassburg, April 1, to succeed Professor GRAF ZU SOLMS-LAUBACH upon his retirement as professor of botany and director of the Botanical Garden.

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY announce a book by Dr. B. M. DUGGAR, Cornell University, entitled *The physiology of plant production*. As the title implies, it is primarily an application of plant physiology to the requirements of agriculture and horticulture.

DR. FORREST SHREVE, associate professor of botany in the Woman's College of Baltimore, has accepted an appointment in the Department of Botanical Research of the Carnegie Institution, and will enter upon his duties at the Desert Botanical Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona, at the close of the academic year.

AT THE CHICAGO MEETING of the American Association, the following officers of Section G were elected: H. M. RICHARDS (Columbia), vice-president; H. C. COWLES (Chicago), secretary for a term of five years. The Botanical Society of America elected the following officers: W. F. GANONG (Smith), president; D. S. JOHNSON (Johns Hopkins), secretary (continued). The American Society of Naturalists elected as its president D. P. PENHALLOW (McGill).

THE REPORT of the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden for 1907 contains the following items: The number of visitors during the year was 135,497, being the largest number in any year excepting the year of the World's Fair. The incorporated additions to the herbarium were 35,876 sheets. Among the unincorporated material are 20,000 specimens of Texan plants collected by LINDHEIMER between 1849 and 1851. The herbarium, so far as now mounted, contains 595,143 specimens. The library now contains 58,156 books and pamphlets, besides 77 manuscript volumes.